GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INDO-IRAN GAS PIPELINE PROJECT
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether USA has asked India not to move forward with the planned pipeline project that would bring natural gas from Iran to India;

(b) the reaction of the Government in this regard; and

(c) the present status of the pipeline project ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has been negotiating the pipeline project with Iran and Pakistan. The sixth meeting of the tripartite Joint Working Group was held in Delhi on 28-29 June 2007. Three meetings of the India-Pakistan Joint Working Group and five meetings of the India-Iran Special Joint Working Group have been held so far. Several key issues including pricing formula, transit fee and transportation tariff are under discussion.